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Honorable Clay Shaw, Jr.
Chairperson
Subcommittee on Social Security
B-316 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairperson Shaw:


I write on behalf of the Association of Administrative Law Judges. We represent about 1000 administrative law judges in the Social Security Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services which comprise about 80% of the administrative law judges in the Federal government. I am writing in regard to H.R. 4070, a bill to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplement Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, and for other purposes.

We support the goals of H.R. 4070. In particular we support the attorney fee payment system improvements provided for in the bill as well as the provisions for the elimination of transcript requirements in remand cases fully favorable to the claimant.

We understand that the subcommittee will address the concerns of claimant beneficiaries who have reported earnings which have not been recorded by the system. We favor addressing these concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Ronald G. Bernoski
President

Cc:
Honorable Robert T. Matsui
Ranking Member